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Museums & Cultural Affairs

The City of El Paso Public Arts Committee (PAC) Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 3:30 PM City Hall 1st Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 3:35 p.m.
2. **Roll Call. Members Present:** Rida Asfahani, Kate Bonansinga, Katherine Brennand, Ken Gorski, Floyd Johnson, Martina Lorey, Ray Parish, and Amy Parker. **Members Absent:** Anna Pilhoefer and Elizabeth Thurmond-Bengtson. **Others Present:** Pat Dalbin, Marisol Lopez, Sean McGlynn, and Maria Aragon.
3. **Public Comment.** None.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Chair asked for motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 25 and the special meeting held on September 8. Ken Gorski moved to approve the minutes as presented; Kate Bonansinga seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.
5. **Introductions of New PAC Members Ray Parish and Rida Asfahani.** Newly appointed members were introduced to the committee and vice-versa.
6. **Discussion and Action on revised PAC Bylaws to reflect recent changes to the Public Art Ordinance.** A copy of the proposed Bylaws was provided for review and consideration. Pat Dalbin mentioned that an amendment to the Public Art Ordinance was approved by City Council on August 4, 2009. Major changes highlighted were that the PAC will function as a standing unit for making decisions on moving projects forward, and that two full-term member positions were added to the PAC. Chair asked for a motion to approve the amended Bylaws. Ray Parish moved to approve; Floyd Johnson seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed unanimously.
7. **Discussion, Review, and Action on approving the selected artists for the City of El Paso Pre-Qualified Artist Pool for 2010 for Future Projects.** A list of finalists was provided for review and consideration. Finalists recently selected by PAC through C  FE selection process. Sean McGlynn mentioned that final list does not include local artists, and that MCAD would reach out locally to understand hurdles of why they are not applying. Pat Dalbin mentioned that there are future projects for community improvements that will allow opportunities for local artists. General discussion about seeking CDBG funds for future projects, and possibly developing criteria for local artists to partake in apprenticeship program; further discussion required. Chair asked for motion to approve the Pre-Qualified Artist Pool for 2010. Katherine Brennand motioned to approve; Kate Bonansinga seconded the motion; all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passes unanimously.
8. **Discussion on the completion of two Public Art projects: the Crime Victims Memorial Reading Garden and the Downtown Transit Terminal.** Pat Dalbin announced the completion of two projects. Mentioned that ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on October 1 for the Crime Victims Memorial Reading Garden, and October 16 for the Downtown Transit Terminal. Encouraged site visits by PAC members. Artist Barbara Grygutis was brought in and introduced to the group; she is in town overseeing the Civic Center Plaza project, which is programmed for completion by end of year 2009. General discussion with Artist about fabrication and installation specific to her project.
9. **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. followed by guided tour of Civic Center Plaza project.

Approved for content by:
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